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James Stonecipher, age 59, of Riverview, Michigan, was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Patrick J. Duggan to 16 months imprisonment announced United States Attorney Craig S. Morford. Mr. Morford was joined in the announcement by Daniel D. Roberts, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Sandra L. Carter, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service.

Stoncecipher had previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit racketeering between 1990 and 2002 in Macomb County. In addition, the court ordered that Stoncecipher pay restitution in the amount of \$421,633.00 to the East Detroit Public Schools..

Assistant United States Attorney John Engstrom, who prosecuted the case, stated that "the investigation and prosecution disclosed that Hudson Construction, Inc, was inflating invoices for work performed by Mr. Stonecipher's company, Amtek Electric, Inc., and then submitting them to East Detroit Public Schools. After Amtek received the overpayments from East Detroit, it would periodically kick back a portion of the overpayments to Hudson Construction."

Mr. Morford commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service for its investigation of this case which led to the successful prosecution of Stonecipher.

